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The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State
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Dear Madam Secretary:

I have learned from a variety of sources of incursions by Mexican military units into the southwestern United States. I am deeply concerned about reports that these units are protecting drug and human smugglers as they cross our southern border.

I understand that there have been 231 incursions by Mexican military and law-enforcement members over the last nine years, including instances of gunfire directed toward U.S. Border Patrol agents.

These incidents pose a significant threat to our national security, as I'm sure you agree. I request that the State Department initiate an official investigation of these reports and open a dialogue with Mexico to prevent any future incursions.

Sincerely,



JON KYL
United States Senator

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